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Dinakaran wins

Jaya's R.K. Nagar by-poll

Jayalalithaa

Chennai, Dec. 24- T.T.V. Dinakaran of the ousted AIADMK faction (Sasikala group) has declared himself as the "true political heir" of the late J. Jayalalithaa after zooming ahead in the by-election to R.K. Nagar assembly seat in Tamil Nadu, the counting for which began this morning. Dinakaran contested as an independent candidate.

Dinakaran was on his way to victory and he crossed the 30,000 vote mark against E. Madhusudanan fielded by the AIADMK faction led by Chief Minister E Palaniswami and his Deputy O. Panneerselvam (EPS-OPS). Madhusudanan had got 15,949 votes at 1 pm while N. Marathu Ganesh of DMK managed to get 8,364 votes.

Thanking voters, Dinakaran,

T.T.V. Dinakaran

the sidelined AIADMK leader, has vowed to bring down the EPS-OPS government in the State "within three months". The by-poll was primarily a contest between Dinakaran and the merged faction of Palaniswami and Panneerselvam, with the result deciding the battle for Jayalalithaa's legacy.

Earlier this month, Dinakaran had lost the AIADMK's 'two-leaves' election symbol to the faction led by EPS-OPS after the Election Commission recognised them as the "real" party. The sidelined AIADMK leader contested with a 'pressure cooker' as his election symbol.

The by-poll was first scheduled to be held in April this year, but was cancelled due to complaints of large-scale voter bribery. This round of voting was also not devoid of controversy. A Dinakaran loyalist released a video on the eve of the by-election purportedly showing Jayalalithaa in a hospital few days before her death.

Dinakaran was evicted along with his aunt V.K. Sasikala (who is currently in jail in Bengaluru in a corruption case) following a deal between AIADMK's factions led by Palaniswami and Panneerselvam as they merged in August. Dinakaran and Sasikala have challenged that decision.

Mysuru gears up for Christmas

The crib seen at St.Philomena's Church, where the Bishop of Mysuru Diocese Rev. Dr. K.A. William will place the Infant Jesus idol at midnight as part of the Christmas celebrations.

Mysuru, Dec.24 (SV)- It's Christmas tomorrow and the city is all geared up for the festive season with Churches preparing for the biggest festival of the Christian community. Churches will hold midnight services and holy prayers at 12 am to mark the birth of Jesus Christ.

St. Philomena's Church, which is the biggest church in the city, will be sporting a grand look and thousands of devotees will be visiting.

Today, celebrations at St. Philomena's Church at Lashkar Mohalla will start with Christmas Carols from 11 pm to 12 am. At 12 am, Bishop of Mysuru Diocese, Rev. Dr. K.A. William, will preside over the mass which will be held in Kannada. There will be a Tamil Mass at 5 am, a Kannada Mass at 6 am, an English Mass at 7 am (to be presided by the Bishop), a Tamil Mass at 8 am (to be conducted by the Bishop) and a Kannada Mass at 6 pm.

The Churches across the city have been decorated with stars and lights.

(See CHRISTMAS on page 8)

Tourist vehicles clog Mysuru-B'luru Road

Hotels, resorts in city, Kodagu report full occupancy

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (MTY&BCT)- Long weekend, Christmas Holidays leading up to the New Year and the 10-day extravagant Mysuru Winter Festival are bringing tourists to Mysuru in droves. So much so that the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway is choked since yesterday afternoon with a maximum number of vehicles on the Mysuru side and with a handful of vehicles towards Bengaluru.

The start of the long weekend yesterday morning did not go as planned for thousands of tourists as traffic jams were witnessed on all the roads leading to Mysuru. Many tourists who had started to Mysuru, Ooty and Kodagu early in the morning to escape the traffic were not spared as they could reach Mysuru only in the afternoon due to traffic snarls all the way from Kengeri, Ramanagaram, Channapatna and Mandya. Normally it takes about two hours for a car to reach Mysuru from Bengaluru while yesterday it took more than five to seven hours.

This tell-all photograph shows the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway last evening. While there is bumper-to-bumper traffic on the Mysuru side of the road, only a handful of vehicles are seen on the other side leading to Bengaluru.

It was a literal bumper-to-bumper traffic as tourists crossed Mandya and neared Srirangapatna, Siddalingapura and the Columbia Asia Hospital Junction, slowing down the traffic moment and delaying travel by hours. Besides private vehicles, extra buses run by both private and State-owned travel operators led to further jams. Apart from the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, roads leading to Chamundi Hill, Krishna Raja Sagar, Nanjangud Road, Hunsur Road and H.D. Kote Road were also jammed last evening.

All the 6,000 hotel rooms available in Mysuru have been booked and resorts, home-stays and youth hostels have reported full occupancy. Yesterday, Mysore Palace recorded 26,500 visitors who visited the Palace inside. The number of people who visited it from outside and the number of people who thronged the Flower Show would easily have touched 40,000. This data is not available as there was no entry fee.

Over 8,000 visitors had visited the Palace inside till 11 am today and the numbers might touch 30,000 by evening. There will be more crowds to see the illuminated Palace and the Flower Show in the evenings, Palace Board officials said.

(See TOURIST on page 8)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
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Mysuru, Sunday 24th December 2017

Indian Dental Association, Mysuru Branch, bags Award

Dr. N. Raghunath, President, IDA Mysuru Branch and Dr. B. Nandlal, President, IDA Karnataka State, receiving the award from chief guest Dr. M.C. Sudhakar.

Mysuru, Dec.24- The 45th Indian Dental Association, Karnataka State and 4th Inter-State Dental Conference was held at Davangere recently. Indian Dental Association (IDA), Mysuru Branch, received three recognition awards for unique programmes which were conducted in association with IDA members of JSS Dental College and Hospital. The programme on "Reorientation of oral health care delivery system through Nurses" was developed by IDA members, team of faculty, Dr. B. Nandlal, Dr. N. Raghunath, Dr. Brinda Godhi, Dr. Meenakshi of JSS Dental College and Hospital.

This was an initiative by Dr. B. Nandlal, IDA State President -2017 and was carried forward by IDA Mysuru President-2017 Dr. N. Raghunath and CDE Convenor Dr. Brinda Godhi.

The second award was for the educative poster on ergonomics in dentistry to prevent occupational hazards both to students and professionals developed by Dr. S. Meenakshi, Dr. Nitin V. Muralidhar and Dr. Nandlal. Third award was Dr. U.S. Krishna Nayak Rolling Trophy for best all-round student activity for year 2017.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

It was about a decade ago that the powers that be at Tagore's Visva Bharati University in Santiniketan convinced the University Grants Commission (UGC) that it needed to build a wall around the campus to save it from encroachments. The UGC, which primarily grants funds to augment education at Central Universities such as Visva Bharati, probably saw the logic in what the authorities were saying and granted the required money and permissions.

So a 25-km-long wall was built around Visva Bharati's enormous campus at an alleged cost of Rs.19 crore. Although many protests were held at the ugliness of six to eight feet walls instead of sturdy fencing, the University held protesters at bay saying this was the only option to save the campus.

All those who were intellectually aghast at the thought of this constriction for a place of education where Tagore had thought students would be in communion with nature, accepted it as a necessity of their times.

Once the wall was built and the pockets of building contractors had been lined, all anxiety of the University seemed to cease.

—Keya Sarkar in Business Standard

NEWS SPARKLERS

Unwanted guest

Santo Domingo: Wilfa Soto Peguero, a struggling mother-of-four from the Dominican Republic, thought her life will change, after falling for a Welsh man she had met online but let her regret her decision.

Wilfa and Glyn Thomas Bailey, 46, met on online dating site Badoo, they got along well. Welsh man express his desire to meet her in person and help her raise her four children, Wilfa was thrilled. She borrowed some money and traveled to meet him. But she later realise that she would actually have to support him, not the other way around. Soto Peguero took him to her rented home where she tried to explain about her state. After over a month of having to provide food and shelter for Glyn, fed-up Wilfa Soto Peguero took to social media to complain about the unwanted guest and to ask for assistance in having him flown back to his own country. The British embassy in Santo Domingo has agreed to assist Glyn Thomas Bailey and hopefully put him on a plane home.

Dog's missing paws replaced with blades

Thailand: A dog who had his two front paws chopped off in Thailand is able to run again after a vet replaced his missing feet with blades. Cola was taken to a vet after he was hacked by a man with a sword because he gnawed on a pair of boots. The dog survived, but was left with two stumps for front paws. Now, he has a pair of blades a Paralympian would be proud of after being taken to Soi Dog foundation on Phuket Island. The lightweight feet were tailor made for Cola. Owner John Dalley, who rescued him, said: "(These legs) give him a lot more balance, a lot more spread. "It's actually quite amazing how adaptable dogs are and how forgiving they are." Cola is believed to be the first dog who has had the more expensive suspended-style prosthetics, made recognisable by British Paralympian Jonnie Peacock. His limbs sit in a socket, and his feet suspend around in a C-shape. "What we wanted to achieve was... something that was not so heavy, that could be a bit flexible in the feet so that when he jumps and bounces they would not be completely stiff," said Teddy Fagerstrom, director of the orthopaedic lab which fitted the blades.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How many people are harmed by errors in prescribing drugs?

7,00,000 ER visits each year are attributed to errors in drug prescriptions. A 2015 study revealed that half of all drug administrations during and around surgery were incorrect. Errors include: Ordering the wrong drug in the wrong amount, and filling the order incorrectly.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

CFTRI Scientist bags Award

Dr. Ng. Iboyaima Singh

Mysuru, Dec.24- Dr. Ng. Iboyaima Singh, Senior Principal Scientist, Department of Fruit and Vegetable Technology, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru, was conferred the prestigious Dr. M. Mahadeviah Award- 2016 in recognition of his significant contribution to the development of "Food Processing and Packaging" in the country.

This award was given by the All India Food Processors' Association, New Delhi, during their 73rd Annual Conference and National Seminar on "Vision 2025: Development of Food Processing Industries in Eastern India" held on Dec.15 at Hotel J.W. Marriott in Kolkata.

The award, comprising a Silver Plate and a Citation, was presented by the chief guest, Abdul Razzak Mollah, Minister-in-Charge, Department of Food Processing Industries & Horticulture, Government of West Bengal and guest of honour J.P. Meena, Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India.

Dr. Mahadevaiah is a renowned Food Scientist and Technologist and Former Deputy Director (Retd.), CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru.

KSTA 10th Annual Conference at Bengaluru from Jan.18

Mysuru, Dec. 24- The tenth Science and Technology Conference organised by Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), in association with the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka, will be held at REVA University, Yelahanka in Bengaluru, on Jan.18 and 19.

The Conference is based on the theme 'Science and Technology for Future of Humanity.'

The Conference will witness young researchers presenting research papers and models related to basic and applied sciences as well as engineering.

Last date to submit the application to participate as a delegate and to send research abstracts is Jan.5, 2018. The same may be submitted online at kstareva18@gmail.com. For application format and details, log on to *www.kstaconference.com*

For details, contact KSTA Senior Scientific Officer Dr. A.M. Ramesh on Ph: 080-26711160 or Mob: 98452-58894.

Really...?

- ***Fergus Glen, a 36-year-old man from Wainuiomata, New Zealand, hacked his brother to death with an ax in 2003 because he was enraged that his brother did not have the decency to thank him for making dinner***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Child: *God, please I don't want Third World War.*
Mother: *Why? You love your country so much?*
Child: *No, I am weak in history. I can't study another war!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 64.02
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1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 17.43
1 Euro	= Rs. 75.92

VOICE OF THE READER

Children are precious. Keep them safe

Sir,

Sometime back, near the JLB-Kantharaj Urs Road intersection, my vehicle was behind a Mahindra XUV car and I noticed a boy standing over the seat-headrest and popping almost half his body out of that car's sunroof and wobbling to have a full view of the surroundings. I couldn't resist myself from taking a picture since it was a shocking scene *(see picture)*.

I continued following the vehicle till it took a different route and the boy was jolting and enjoying the fun in the moving car, unaware of the dangers involved.

Is this the way to allow children to have fun? This is nothing short of irresponsible parenting. Why don't parents or occupants realise that sudden braking or deceleration would end up with serious injuries to children?

And any moment children above the sunroof may be hit by hanging tree branches and drooping cable wires. Also, insects, dust and wood fragments may penetrate the eyeball with high impact and cause infection or bleeding, followed by impairment of vision.

Traffic Police must include this under the list of offences and penalise the parents who pamper and allow their children for such amusements. Look at the way the advanced countries have stipulated seat and seat-belt laws for the safety of children in cars. There, both the law and people value human life, but here we don't.

—Dr. M.N. Manjunath
CFTRI Layout
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62 International delegates to visit Mysuru on Dec. 26

Mysuru, Dec. 24- A 62-member International team from backward and developing countries like Egypt, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Jordan, Tajikistan, Ethiopia, Oman, Syria, Sudan, Tanzania, Philippines, etc. will be visiting Mysuru on Dec. 26.

The delegation from 20 countries will be in city to study the Total Quality Management, hand-holding facilities provided by Government to Industries, Financial support to MSMEs and Role of Industrial Associations in the development of Industries.

They will also interact with Mysore Industries Association (MIA) President and MLA Vasu, Vice-President of JK Tyre Industry Umesh K. Shenoy and office-bearers of the Association at 10.30 am on 26th and later visit a few industries.

They are in Mysore as part of their study tour organised by National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (NI-MSME), Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India.

ART Excel course for children

Mysuru, Dec. 24- All Round Training in Excellence (ART Excel) is a course for children in the age group of 7 to 13 years devised by Sri Sri Ravishankar and conducted by his Art of Living Foundation.

It aims to counteract negative tendencies and introduces a balancing effect on children.

An Art Excel Camp will be conducted in Mysuru from Dec.26 to Dec. 30 at Sri Ravishankar Guruji Ashram, Lalitadripura Road, from 10 am to 1 pm. For details contact 9886009208.

Free eye camp on Dec. 25

Mysuru, Dec. 24- Association of Social Service and Educational Trust (ASSET) and MRC Eye Hospital, Siddarthanagar, is jointly organising a free eye screening camp on Dec. 25 (Monday) between 9.30 am and 1 pm at MESCO, Subhashnagar, N.R Mohalla.

Free lens will be provided to needy patients. Also free transportation will be arranged from the Camp spot to Hospital and back.

IN MEMORIAM

Ages pass and thou pourest still...

Late PREM NARAIN BAGAI
(10.10.1912 - 24.12.1963)

Time's Arrow, Time's Cycle

In ever green memory of a great husband, guide, philosopher and friend, a doting and revered father fondly remembered on his **54th Death Anniversary** this X-Mas Eve of **24th Dec 2017** who left for his heavenly abode in the prime of his life and missed every moment.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Kuvempu Jayanti on Dec.29

District Administration will be celebrating the birth anniversary of Rashtrakavi Kuvempu on Dec.29 at Kalamandira. The programme will feature garlanding of Kuvempu's statue, recital of poems authored by Kuvempu by college students, talk by Dr. Malali Vasanthkumar and staging of a playwritten by Kuvempu.

Scholarship for ST students

Karnataka Sangeetha Nruthya Academy has invited applications from ST students in the age group of 15 to 25 years who are learning Karnatak and Hindustani Music, Dance, Sugama Sangeetha and Gamaka. Applications can be obtained from the office of the Department of Kannada and Culture or download from www.karnatakasangeetanrityaacademy.com. Selected candidates will get a scholarship of Rs. 20,000.

Apply for 'Jeeva Rakshaka' award

Applications have been invited from eligible people, who have rescued road accident victims by rushing them to hospital, for 'Jeeva Rakshaka' award presented by the State Government twice a year on Jan.26 and Aug.15. Eligible people of the district may apply before Jan.1, 2018. Application forms can be obtained from the District Co-ordinator, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, District Health and Family Welfare Department, Mysuru. For details, call Mob: 72590-03400, according to a release.

B.Ed list announced

The final list of students selected for admission (Government quota seats) to 2-year B.Ed course in Government recognised, aided and unaided colleges, has been published. The verification of original documents will take place until Dec.28 (barring Dec.24 and 25), according to a release issued by the Principal, DIET, Vasanthmahal premises, Nazarbad.

Calling Backward Classes students

The Backward Classes Welfare Department, in a press release, has said that there will be no entrance test for admission of candidates from Backward Communities for Bank recruitment exam coaching classes. However, interested candidates can send their degree marks list online in JPEG format before Dec.27, in order to enable the Department to select candidates for the coaching class based on category-wise reservation. For details, log on to the Department website: www.backwardclasses.kar.nic.in or call Ph: 080-65970004.

Mysuru Winter Festival begins

with Flower Show, Doll and Photo Expos at Mysore Palace

Mysuru, Dec.24 (YDS&DM)- The first ever 10-day Mysuru Winter Festival (MWF), which features a host of attractions like magnificent Flower Show in Mysore Palace premises, Open Street Festival on D. Devaraj Urs Road, Movies Screening at Maharaja's College Grounds, Heritage Cycle Rides and Food Mela at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road, began last evening.

Speaking after launching the 10-day Fest by inaugurating the Flower Show, Doll Expo, Makkala Habba and a Photo Expo at the Palace premises yesterday, State Chief Secretary K. Ratna Prabha said that tourists visit such festivals looking for newer things which are different from others.

Pointing out that Mysuru is dotted with several tourist spots such as Chamundi Hill, KRS, Mysore Palace, Darsa Exhibition, Jaganmohan Palace, etc., she said that the organisation of such Winter Festivals will largely help in attracting a much larger number of tourists to the city.

Terming the Flower Show as an excellent one, Ratna Prabha, hoped that the event will further boost the city's image as an important destination in the global tourism map.

KR MLA M.K. Somashekar, who spoke after inaugurating the cultural programmes as part of the event, said that the Mysore Palace Board, realising the tourist potential of the city, took the initiative of organising this event.

Terming the Palace Flower Show as an excellent one, he said that the Doll Show coupled with other programmes will attract more and more number of tourists to the event with each passing day.

Even as tourists have begun to flock the venue in large numbers, the selfie-craze among the visitors too is rising.

The visitors are vying with each other in taking selfies with their family members and near and dear ones, standing in front of a hue of flower arrangements such as elephant cart, 7-headed King Cobra, Christmas tree, Raja Durbar, Diamond-studded Throne etc., at the Flower Show in the sprawling Palace premises.

ENTRY FREE

There will be no entry fee for the ten-day Flower Show, which will be open between 10 am and 9 pm on all the days till the concluding day on Jan.1.

Also the Palace will be illuminated between 7 pm and 9 pm all these days.

State Chief Secretary K. Ratna Prabha** (centre), **who launched the 10-day Mysuru Winter Festival (MWF) at Mysore Palace premises last evening, is seen with KR MLA M.K. Somashekar, KEA Chairman Siddaraju, DC D. Randeep, Palace Board Dy. Director T.S. Subramanya, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar,** Star of Mysore **Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy, former Dy. Mayor Mahadevamma, Dy. Mayor Rathna Lakshman, ZAK Chairperson Mallige Veeresh and others.

Obituary

Dr. Chottera Ganapathy (Kumar)

Mysuru, Dec. 24- Dr. Chottera Kalaiah Ganapathy (69), popularly known as Kumar, passed away last evening at House No. 278, Vijayanagar Second Stage.

He leaves behind his wife Dr. Geetha Ganapathy and a host of relatives and friends.

Cremation was held this afternoon at Gokulam crematorium, according to family sources.

M.N. Ramakrishna

M.N. Ramakrishna (84), Managing Partner of Sri Sathyanarayana Parimala Factory and a resident of Saraswathipuram here, passed away last night in city.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Ramakrishna was the former President of Sadvidya Educational Institutions and was the member of Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha and Ananthalaya and was also the Vice-President of Karnataka Agarbathi Manufacturers Association.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill here this afternoon, according to family sources.

MCC's Property Tax Collection drive next month

Rs.116.70 crore still pending; defaulters warned of property seizure

Mysuru, Dec.24 (NNN)- Despite best efforts of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to collect Property Tax, it has failed to cross the Rs. 100 crore mark even once in the last 12 years. Hence, a 'Property Collection Month' has been organised from Jan.8 to Feb.7, 2018.

The total Property Tax collection for 2017-18 from 1,93,125 properties under the MCC limits was set at Rs. 202.63 crore. However, till November end, it has collected only Rs. 85.93 crore and Rs.116.70 crore is still pending, said a release from the MCC.

Repeated warnings of seizure of properties if the owners fail to pay up have fallen on deaf ears. In April, May and June 2017, Rs. 61.19 crore was collected and from July to November Rs. 24.74 crore has been collected, inclusive of 2 per cent interest.

In spite of serving 30-day and 15-day notices on tax defaulters, people have not paid their taxes. Hence, most of the development works are languishing due to shortage of funds, the release said.

Even schools, colleges, educational institutions and government buildings have not paid 25 per cent service tax and cess. Hence action would be taken according to law against such defaulters too, said the release.

Property Tax Collection Month: MCC has organised a 'Property Tax Collection Month' at all its zonal offices limits from Jan.8 to Feb.7. It has directed property owners who have not remitted the taxes to pay it to the Corporation with penalty.

If the owners fail to pay the taxes with penalty, the properties will be seized as per Section 147 of the City Corporation Act and for all those on whom notice has already been served, this should be treated as the final notice, said MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha.

Sri Dhanvantri Jayanti celebrations tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.24 (NNN)-Ayurveda Vaidya Sangha is organising Sri Dhanvantri Jayanti celebrations on Dec.25 in Government Maharaja Sanskrit College at 5 pm.

Three awards will be presented on the occasion. Dr. J.T. Pawar, District Ayush Officer, Dharwad, is the recipient of 'Charaka Shree' award, Dr. P.N. Mohan Kumar, Director, Vinayaka Ayurveda Health Centre, Trishur Kerala, is the recipient of 'Sushrutha Shree' award and Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji of Shree Sudharshana Narasimha Kshetra, Mysuru, is the recipient of 'Dharshana Vaaridhi' award.

Sri Subudhendra Theertha Swamiji of Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mutt, Mantralayam, will grace the occasion. Vedanga Vidwan Dr. R.L. Kashyap, Hon. Director, Sakshi Trust, Bengaluru, is the chief guest and Vidwan Dr. K.M. Mahadevaiah, Principal, Government Maharaja Sanskrit College, is the guest of honour.

Dr. B. Gurubasavaraja, President, Ayurveda Vaidya Sangha, Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar, Gen. Secretary and Dr. M.G. Krishnamurthy, Hon. Secretary, will be present.

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Pink Lapacho

THE WINTER DELIGHT

With the onset of winter many a deciduous tree shed their old leaves followed by fresh growth of foliage and flowers. This phenomenon of rejuvenation begins during December in many ornamental trees lining the avenues of Mysuru. Among these **'Pink Lapacho'** is the first to dress up in a new garb. With the leaves falling in the first few weeks and the blossoms covering the whole tree by Christmas and New year, it provides a festive look on the roads and parks. During the peak season, the tree is leafless packed with clusters of congested terminal inflorescences held on a linear plane. Penetrating sun rays during mornings make the tree look magnificent and a treat to the eyes of the passers-by. No doubt, it is the most beautiful ornamental tree during winter in Mysuru.

The tree is native to South America and also the national tree of Paraguay. It is known by other names like **Lavender Trumpet Tree, Pink Trumpet Tree, Ipe Roxo, Taheboo Tree, Basant Rani, Gulabi Tabubia** (Hindi). The scientific name is **Handroanthus impetiginosus (syn. Handroanthus avellanedae, Tabebuia impetiginosa, Tabebuia avellanedae)** and belongs to the family **Bignoniaceae.** The genus is named after **Oswaldo Handro,** 20th century Brazilian Botanist and anthos **(flower);** specific name **impetiginosus** means scaly eruption.

It is a large deciduous tree, sometimes reaching 30 m height. The straight bole can be 60 - 80 cm in diameter. Generally, one third of the tree height is trunk and remaining two thirds are its longer branches. It has a large, globe-like or round canopy which is often sparse. The bark is brownish grey, tough and hard to peel. The wood is of a pleasant yellowish colour, sometimes knotted. The leaves are compound, palmate, with usually 5 leaflets with petioles of 2 to 3 inches long. They are opposite, elliptic and lanceolate shaped with slightly serrated margins and pinnate venation. The flower is large, tubular shaped, its corolla is often pink or magenta, about 2 inches long. Individual flowers are magenta with canary-yellow streaks. There are four stamens and a staminode. The fruit consists of a narrow dehiscent capsule containing several winged seeds.

PROPAGATION

Seeds are sown as soon as they ripe in seed beds or containers. The germination occurs in 10 - 12 days. Seedlings grow quickly and are ready for transplantation in 3 - 4 months. Young plants establish well reaching a height of around 6 - 8 ft within two years. The tree can also be propagated by 'air layering' and 'cuttings' of half ripe stems.

WHERE TO SEE

Manasagangothri Campus, Nivedita Nagar Park and many other parks, private gardens and avenues.

TREE FACTS

USEFUL TIPS

- A species of higher elevations in the tropics, it grows well in subtropical areas like Mysuru.
- It is most suitable for planting on roads, private gardens and parks and other locations for its beauty and shade.
- The flowering season is December to January. The flowers remain on tree unfaded for a week or two.
- Plant them in a row on either side of the roads to provide a spectacular look.
- Prefers a well-drained fertile soil and full sun light.
- The tree has a slow growth. Regular watering in hot dry months will help grow well.
- Fruiting is not common in Mysuru. 6 to 8 foot tall plants of 3 to 4-year-old are available in plant nurseries. It is a feasible option as the plants start flowering in the 2nd year itself on transplanting.
- The flowers attract bees and several birds (hummingbirds, black jacobin, black-throated mango, stripe-breasted starthroat etc).
- This multipurpose tree has not been exploited for its commercial usefulness in our country by the departments concerned.
- The tree is closely related to other trumpet trees: Handroanthus pentaphylla / Tabebuia rosea and often confused with these species.

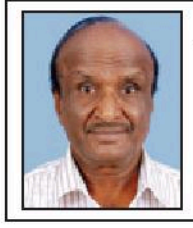
USES

In its nativity, it is a multi-purpose tree growing wild and known for valuable medicine and timber besides beautification of landscape.

MEDICINAL USES

Lapacho plays an important role for South American indigenous population and used by herbalists as a general tonic, immunostimulant and for intestinal candidiasis. In traditional ethno medicine a bitter brownish-coloured tea known as lapacho or taheebo is prepared from inner bark (bitter, cooling, pungent) and is widely used as a tonic during flu and cold season as well as for easing smoker's cough. The tonic works by promoting lungs to expectorate and free deeply embedded mucus. The heartwood contains naphthaquinone called lapachol, which exhibits antibiotic and anti-tumor effects. Excessive use of the plant parts can lead to nausea, vomiting, dizziness and diarrhoea.

The valuable timber, sometimes traded as "Brazilwood", is used for making flooring and decking. Its commercial exploitation is one of the causes of deforestation in Brazil.



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Malaysian Sand to be available from New Year

Bengaluru, Dec. 24 (BCT)- To ease the acute shortage of sand in Karnataka, the State Government will start the distribution of Malaysian Sand through Mysore Sales International Limited (MSIL) from Dec. 25 or 26. MSIL sources said that the sand will be available in open market from Jan. 1.

The sand will be available in 50 kg bags and 40,000 to 50,000 metric tonnes has been imported. Government sources said that the packaging of sand after weighing has been completed and the stock will be supplied to all MSIL outlets across the State including Bengaluru, Mysuru and Hubballi.

A 50 kg bag of Malaysia Sand will cost Rs. 190 and 20 bags (one tonne) will cost Rs. 3,800 inclusive of all taxes. Likewise, 10 tonnes will cost a buyer Rs. 38,000 inclusive of all taxes and it will result in

a savings of Rs. 12,000 to Rs. 22,000 as the present sand price in State is Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 65,000.

Sources said that sand import from Malaysia will put brakes on illegal sand supply and also the trade where sand is mixed with mud. Before procuring Malaysian Sand, buyers will have to submit documents to local MSIL authorities regarding the need for sand, the building plan, the estimated cost of the house and other details. At present, private operators have been collecting Rs. 80,000 to Rs. 1 lakh per tonne of sand.

COST FACTOR

- A 50 kg bag of Malaysian Sand - Rs. 190
- 20 bags (one tonne) - Rs. 3,800 inclusive of all taxes
- 10 tonnes - Rs. 38,000
- Present sand rate for 10 tonnes - Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 60,000
- Malaysian Sand will save of Rs. 12,000 to Rs. 22,000 per 10 tonnes

EXISTING RATES

- One truckload of sand – Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 60,000
- One tractor load of sand – Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 6,000
- One truckload of Tiruchi Sand – Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 1.20 lakh

Malaysia Sand prices per 50 kg bag

- Bengaluru – Rs. 190
- Mysuru – Rs. 200
- Hubballi – Rs. 220

Twist in hi-tech sex racket case

Accused's wife alleges

that the girl had demanded money

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (SBD&KS)- After the girl (victim) accusing two Kannada actors of seeking sexual favours which the actors refused, the wife of accused Rajesh (owner of Like Trend Family Saloon in Bogadi) who is arrested by the Police has accused the girl of demanding money from them.

Speaking to media persons, Rajesh's wife Savitha (mentioned as Bharathi alias Indira in initial reports) said that the girl was speaking a lot with someone over the phone the day before the Police raided the saloon and had also demanded money. "As we were facing financial problems, we refused to give her money following which she has made false allegations against us," said Savitha.

She said that the media was projecting her as the victim in the case and added that in reality they were the victims. "We have opened the saloon by taking loans and are now facing financial problems as business in the saloon is dull," she said and added that they have not paid the rent of the building since two months.

Savitha said that they do not even have a house to lead a life and were staying in the saloon building besides stating that the girl (victim) has levelled false allegations against her husband and her.

She further stated that the girl joined for work last month and took leave on Nov.21 but returned only on Dec.19 and alleged that the girl had conspired with others and had planned to defame us besides stating that they have CCTV footages as witness to their claims.

Savitha said that the saloon was opened three months ago with CCTV cameras installed in it and questioned how could her husband rape her? She also said that she has not gone anywhere since the saloon was opened.

She said that the saloon offers only hair cut, shave and face wash and nothing else and added that she is yet to know on what grounds the Police raided the saloon and arrested her husband. She challenged the Police to make public the proof.

Savitha said that the girl had joined hands with a city-based NGO and has hatched a plot besides stating that she (Savitha) would launch a legal battle against those who have made allegations against her family.

Meanwhile, Swamy, the owner of the building in which the saloon is housed, said that there is no such thing as body massage or prostitution racket going on in the saloon and alleged that the girl (victim) had made false allegations against Rajesh and Savitha couple.

He said that the Kannada actor Mandya Ramesh had come for the inauguration and after that neither Mandya Ramesh nor Sadhu Kokila have come to the saloon.

Meanwhile, the Police are said to have visited the saloon for inspection and are said to have examined the CCTV footages.

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Awareness campaign marks National Consumer Day

Mysuru, Dec.24 (RKB&US)- As part of National Consumer Day, Department of Food and Civil Supplies, in association with various other organisations, had organised an awareness programme titled 'Service and Demonstration' near Dufferin Clock Tower (Chikkagadiyara) here this morning.

Mysore Milk Unions Limited (MyMUL), Department of Legal Metrology, Indian Oil Corporation, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Mysore Grahakara Parishat and Department of Food and Civil Supplies had set up stalls at the spot.

Visitors were educated on usual food adulterants and ways of detection. Awareness was created on standard weights and registered stampings on them, common thickeners used in milk, detection of quality of petrol and such related topics. Details of Consumer Protection Act and Food Safety Act were also explained to the visitors.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. K. Rameshwarappa, Deputy Director, Department of Food and Civil Supplies. Applications were also received for 'Anna Bhagya' scheme and new ration cards.

DRN Labs opens first unit

Mysuru, Dec.24 (PM&US)- The first unit of DRM Labs was inaugurated at the premises of HMHMC Ayurveda Hospital in Gokulam 2nd Stage here this morning.

Adichunchanagiri Seer Sri Somanatha Swamiji graced the occasion. RSS Leader M. Venkataram, MDJA President C.K. Mahendra, BJP City President Dr. B.H. Manjunath and others were present.

Bags award

Dr. C.S. Vidya

Mysuru, Dec.24- Dr. C.S. Vidya, Associate Professor of Anatomy, JSS Medical College, was awarded Outstanding Women Scientist for the contribution and achievement in the field of Anatomy at the 3rd Annual Research Meet held at Chennai by Venus International Foundation.

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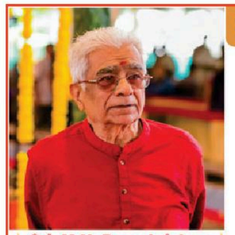

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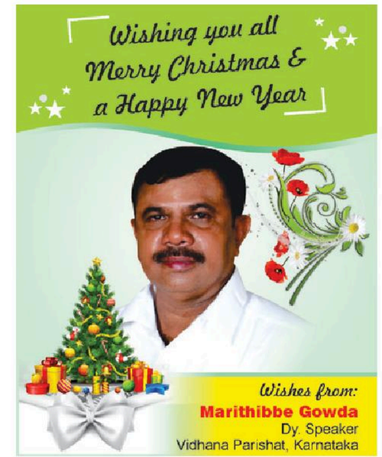

Mysuru Winter Festival - 2017

Melodious night attracts audience

Mysuru, Dec.24 (SV)- The cultural programme and the Flower Show attracted several visitors and audiences on the inaugural day of the 10-day Mysuru Winter Festival-2017 yesterday at the Palace premises. The annual Flower Show is a must watch spectacle with the illuminated Royal Palace in the background along with the melodious music being played as a part of the cultural programme at the Festival. Several varieties of flowers have been used to set up various designs, themes and decorations at the venue. The Flower Show will be open to public on all the 10 days from 10 am to 9 pm.

The main attraction of the cultural programme on the first day of the Festival was the performance of Mysore Mohan and Orchestra team after about two decades in the Mysuru city. They along with several singers sang melodious vintage songs and entertained the audience. The team of singers comprised Divya Raghavan, Anuradha Bhat, Ajay Warrier, Vyasaraj Sosale, Sunitha, Gangothri Kumar etc. They sang several famous numbers such as *Ee Bhoomi Bannada Buguri, Ello Jogappa Ninna Aramane, Kelisade Kallukallinali, Naguva Nayana, Wada Karle Sajna Tere Bina*, Kalidasa's Chamundeshwari song, *Noorondu Nenapu*, etc. The musicians and the instrument players with their divine performances received great appreciation from the crowd.

In today's cultural programme, *'SaReGaMaPa Saurabha'* featuring singer Sriharsha of Zee Kannada-fame will be performing from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Palace premises.

Tourist vehicles clog Mysuru-B'luru Road

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Visitors thronged the Dasara Exhibition Grounds too and the venue recorded over 20,000 footfalls. Today (Dec.24) was supposed to be the last day for the Dasara Exhibition but the authorities have now extended the date to Dec.29. Mysuru Zoo recorded a footfall of 14,139 yesterday and today, till 11 am, it recorded a footfall of 10,674.

There has been a steady rise in the tourists since the last three days and it will rise further in the coming days in the run up to the New Year. Tour operators told *Star of Mysore* that many tourists are using Mysuru as a transit point to head to destinations like Ooty, Kodagu and Chikkamagaluru. A negative effect of the tourist flow to Mysuru is that there is no place to park. Designated parking spaces are full and many tourists complained that they could not spend more time visiting tourist attractions due to lack of parking.

"The tourists who are seen yesterday are not seen today as they would have left Mysuru for other destinations. However, hotel rooms are booked to the maximum and almost all the food outlets are reporting full business," a tour operator said.

The City Police have made elaborate arrangements for security. Special units like Chamundi Force, Garuda, interceptors, mobile video squad, Policemen wearing body-cameras and Special Branch Constables are on duty. Areas that are usually crowded are under close watch by Policemen in mufti. They are keeping an eye on pickpockets at the Palace, Mysuru Zoo and the Chamundi Hill.

Christmas

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Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Rev. Fr. N.T. Joseph, Parish Priest, St. Philomena's Church, said: "Last time the prayers were held in the auditorium and as the inner portion of the Church has been renovated now, the Mass and the services will be held inside the Church. The outer portion which is still undergoing renovation work will be completed in about 8 to 10 months."

A crib has been prepared out of dry hay and cardboards by Sampath and team. This time they have made a small ship next to the crib, on which a model of Santa Claus will be placed. The Bishop will place the Infant Jesus in the crib at midnight. Several hundreds of people were seen thronging St. Philomena's Church since morning to meet the Priests.

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Seminar on Christianity held at UoM

Most Rev. Dr. K.A. William, Bishop of Mysore is seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate the seminar as** (from left) **Dr. Dayanada Prabhu,Visiting Professor, Most Rev. Dr. Antony Kariyil, Bishop of Mandya, Dr. Valindin Rajendra Kumar, Chairman, DoS in Christianity look on. Picture right shows students presenting a dance feature.

Mysuru, Dec. 24- The Chair in Christianity and the Department of Studies in Christianity jointly conducted a seminar and Christmas function at the Humanities Auditorium, University of Mysore on Dec. 16.

The Most Rev. Dr. Antony Kariyil, Bishop of Mandya Diocese spoke on Christianity and Development.

The Most Rev. Dr. K.A. William, Bishop of Mysore Diocese, in his presidential address, spoke about the importance and meaning of Christmas. He called upon all to understand the three pearls of Christmas - love, peace and joy.

Students of Pushpasharama and Krupalaya rendered Christmas carols. Students of Nrimala High School welcomed the gathering with a dance and the students of Avila Convent High School and Primary school children also performed. Students of Marianiketana performed Chritmas dance.

Faculty members Dr. Annamma welcomed the gathering and students Reema Fernandes and Stella compered. Dr. Dayanada Prabhu proposed a vote of thanks.

Xmas at Vimala Terminal Care Centre

Joshua, an inmate of the Vimala Terminal Care Centre, Hinkal, is seen cutting the cake during the Christmas celebrations organised by Infant Jesus Catholic Centre (IJCC) recently as Msgr. George Alukka, Vicar General, Diocese of Mandya, Sr. Gracelin SD, George Joseph, President, IJCC and others look on.

Anglos hold Christmas celebrations

A team of Anglo Indians in Mysuru celebrated Annual Christmas and Senior Citizens' Day on Dec.17 at Little Infant School in Rajivnagar. Senior citizens of the community were felicitated on the occasion. The programme concluded with the arrival of Santa giving away goodies and gifts to seniors and children. The Xmas show was organised by Richard Sherwood, G.A. Edwards, Maureen Taylor, Melody D'Souza, Christiana Taylor, Russel Edwards, Chester D'Souza, Shane Alexander and Nicole Edwards.

Workshop on capacity building for Philos faculty

Mysuru, Dec.24- St. Philomena's College organised a three-day Capacity Building workshop for its faculty in the college auditorium recently.

Rev. Dr. Varghese Kelamparampil CMI, Provincial, St. Paul's Province, Mysuru, who inaugurated the workshop, motivated teachers and also stressed on how teachers play a major role in a student's life.

Dr. Ramesh, Dean of PG Commerce and Humanities, Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, delivered the key note address.

Rev. Fr. Bernard Prakash Barnis, Rector/ Manager, presided. Dr. T. Ruth Shantha Kumari, Principal, welcomed. Rev. Fr. F. Sanjay Kumar, Vice-Principal (Administration), Vidhyadhar Sanjay Nair, Vice-Principal (Academics), Prof. Orbert Pinto, Director PG, Rev. Fr. Rony Ravi Kumar, Asst. Director PG, Dr. Alphonsus D'souza, Controller of Examination, HoDs and staff were present.

Big Bazaar Public Holiday Sale for Xmas

Mysuru, Dec.24 - Big Bazaar, one of the leading hypermarket chains from Future Group, is back with the mega shopping festival 'Public Holiday Sale' till Dec.25 across more than 240 Big Bazaar stores in the country.

This Holiday Sale which began on Dec.22 will be the most memorable for the customers as for the first time even before shopping, Big Bazaar will offer special credit to all the customers, which can be used during the Public Holiday Sale.

There will also be exciting offers and amazing deals on a wide range of products like grocery items, home fashion, apparel wear, electronic products and much more. Big Bazaar will add an amount of Rs. 101 to all the customers in their Future Pay wallet which can be redeemed for any purchases during the 3 days of Public Holiday Sale. Customers who do not have the Future Pay wallet can also avail the credit by giving a give missed call on Mob: 8010 350000. In addition, customers can also avail special offers by scanning the QR codes that will be printed in Big Bazaar advertisements through their mobile phones and also on the digital platform.

Inner Wheel hosts *Anubandha*

The 48th District Conference

Anubandha, the 48th District Conference of Inner Wheel District 318, was held at a convention hall in city last evening. Dr. Kapila Gupta, President, International Inner Wheel and Patricia Hilton, Association President, who were felicitated on the occasion, are seen with Rotary Governor - District 3182 Rtn. G.N. Prakash, Conference Chairperson PDC Shailaja Shivanna, Conference Secretary Dr. Bharathi S. Urs, District Secretary Sumana Bharath and others.

Sri Shivarathreeshwara Media Award presented to Journalist D. Mahadevappa

Senior Journalist D. Mahadevappa, who was presented 'Sri Shivarathreeshwara Media Award' at MDJA premises yesterday, is seen with Senior Journalist Eshwar Daithota and others.

Mysuru, Dec.24 (US&PM)- Senior Journalist D. Mahadevappa was presented 'Sri Shivarathreeshwara Media Award' instituted by JSS Institutions at a function held recently at the premises of Mysore District Journalist Association (MDJA) here.

Presenting the award, Senior Journalist Eshwar Daithota opined that the media played a vital role in protecting the health of society which in turn make scribes to be more concerned about social problems.

He regretted that wrong information were being aired through electronic media with each channel competing with another to grab credit, recognition and honour.

He contended that such wrong information would be detrimental to the society.

Mahadevappa asked journalists to counter challenges with grit and confidence.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary S.P Manjunath, MDJA President C.K Mahindra, General Secretary K.J Lokesh Babu, JSS Mahavidyapeethe Publication Division Director Morabada Mallikarjun and others were present.

Bags M. Veerappa Endowment Award

Mysuru, Dec.24 (DM)- Renowned painter G.M. Hegde Taragoda has bagged the coveted M. Veerappa Endowment Award instituted in JSS Mahavidyapeetha in memory of M. Veerappa, a pioneer in Vachana paintings and Founder of Mysore Toys company.

Hegde Taragoda

Hegde is the third winner of the annual award. The award will be presented at a function to take place at a later date.

Ahead of elections, Govt. launches recruitment spree

Bengaluru, Dec. 24 (KMS& DM)- With the Assembly poll just a few months away, the State government has gone on a overdrive for recruitment to vacant posts.

Additional Chief secretary T.M Vijay Bhaskar in a circular to departmental heads, has instructed to bring changes to cadre and recruitment rules to facilitate direct recruitment and fill them through promotions.

Many posts in departments such as education, Revenue, Law, health and family welfare etc., are vacant for many years.

As such, the government has planned to bring amendments to the cadre & recruitment rules to facilitate appointments in various departments in a accordance with the educational qualifications and required technical skills

Two-day Millets Mela from Dec.27

Mysuru, Dec.24- Divisional millets mela for farmers of Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Ramanagaram districts will be held from Dec. 27 at the Scouts and Guides Grounds.

The event will feature exhibition of different types of millets, seminars, preparation of cuisines using millets, consultation, drawing and painting competition for school children. Various types of natural farming products and equipment will be kept on sale.

Those interested to take part in the mela can contact, Department of Agriculture Assistant Director Veeranna on Mob: 82779 33153.

For details contact, Assistant Director (Hunsur) Dr. D.S. Somashekar on Mob: 8277933102 or email *www.dda2hunsur@gmail.com* or Assistant Director (Mysuru) L.C. Bharathi on Mob: 82779 33104 or email to *dagrmys@rediffmail.com*.

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Heaven's Declaration Angels announced then - "glory to God in the highest, Peace on earth, good will toward men".

Redeemed the Lost The first man sinned and lost relationship with God. Jesus took birth to re-establish that relationship, for us to be in heaven after death.

Immanuel - Heavenly Name God's nearness, care, protection and guidance is assured to the followers.

Supreme Selfless Love Displayed Jesus died on the cross, as a Substitute for the sins of the mankind. Sin becomes powerless with the followers.

Truth of Salvation When sin is forgiven free by Jesus, heaven becomes ultimate home for followers.

Marvellous Light That Lightens The World Jesus said, "I am the light of the world". The enlightened followers will be able to walk upright and in purity of life.

Accepts Everyone Without discrimination Jesus accepts everyone to Himself as His children.

Saviour of the Mankind Jesus did not establish a religion but offered blessed transformed life.

We wish you all happy Christmas and blessed New Year 2018.
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Students participate in Crime Prevention Rally

City Police observes December as Crime Prevention Month

Mysuru, Dec.24 (NNN)- Mysuru City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subramanyeswara Rao said that these days one should be careful about everything as the kind of crimes that happen is shocking where both the young and the old are becoming targets.

He was speaking after inaugurating a programme at Good Shepherd Convent organised by the City Police as part of 'Crime Prevention Month,' here recently. He said that women and children must be aware of their rights.

He also highlighted about other issues related to crime like drugs, cyber crime and safety measures one should take to prevent and control crime and added that police was trying to see that people became aware of the enormity of the crime and its prevention.

Later, he flagged off a rally in which students of St. Mary's, St. Philomena's High School, Savithri Convent, Good Shepherd Convent, Nizamia School, Farooquia High School and the public participated. The rally began from Good Shepherd Convent and passed through Church Circle, Ashoka Road, Nehru Circle, Irwin Road, B.N. Road and returned to the Convent.

The Police Department is observing December month as Crime Prevention Month.

On Dec. 19 and 20 essay writing and on the spot painting competition was held for schoolchildren and the Police Commissioner distributed prizes to the winners.

DCPs N. Vishnuvardhana and Dr. Vikram Amathe, Devaraja ACP Rajashekar, Lashkar Police Inspector H.R. Vivekananda, Sub Inspector Pooja Hattarki, Corporators Suhail Baig and Ravindrakumara and Good Shepherd Convent's Sister Bina were present.

Calendar release and Pratibha Puraskar presentation tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.24 (KS)- Mysuru District Newspaper Distributors Association has organised a function for the release of 2018 calendar and Pratibha Puraskar presentation for children of newspaper distributors at Pathrakartara Bhavan here tomorrow (Dec. 25) at 10 am.

Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President C.K. Mahendra will be the chief guest. MLA Vasu will be the guest of honour.

Job Mela in city on Dec.29

Mysuru, Dec.24- District Employment Exchange will conduct a mega job mela at its premises located at Government ITI, N.R. Mohalla on Dec.29 from 10 am.

Surabhi Plantech, B.S. Gowda Enterprises, Hinduja Global Solutions, Raja Biotec - Grass Root and Tejaswini Enterprises, Eureka Forbes, Retail Works India Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, AT&S, Zenith Textiles, Food World, ITC, Unilog, Theorem, People Management Company, Rane Madras, Urs Kars, Advaith Motors, Career Forum, Darshan Packing Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Sun Business Solutions, Infosys, Raj Biotech will take part. Candidates with SSLC pass/fail, PUC, JOC, ITI, Diploma and Degree can participate. [Ph: 0821-2489972].

Yelwal cash loot case

Judgement on Dec.26

Mysuru, Dec.24 (RK&KS)- The Sixth Additional District and Sessions Court has postponed the judgement in the Yelwal cash loot case to Dec.26. The Judge, who heard the arguments on Dec.23, was supposed to pronounce his judgement but postponed the same to Dec. 26.

Bail plea hearing of accused in KHB scam on Dec.26

Meanwhile, the Third Additional District and Sessions Court has postponed its judgement with regard to the bail plea of the five accused in the Karnataka Housing Board (KHB) scam to Dec.26.

Judge Sudheendranath, who was to pronounce the judgement when the bail plea petition came up on Dec.23, postponed the same to Dec.26.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths, who are probing the scam, recorded the statements of the farmers and the witnesses yesterday.

While KHB Assistant Executive Engineer M.B. Somashekar, Assistant Engineer M. Mahesh and three middlemen who are allegedly involved in the scam are in Judicial custody, MLA G.T. Devegowda's son G.D. Harish Gowda and brother G.T. Yaduvar, whose names have figured in the scam are reportedly absconding.

Auto drivers air grievances at awareness programme on traffic rules

Mysuru, Dec.24 (US&YDS)-As part of 'Crime Prevention Month' programme, the City Traffic Police had organised an awareness programme on traffic rules at the premises of Devaraja Traffic Police Station recently.

Public and auto drivers who participated in the programme aired their grievances.

Auto driver Javed alleged that vehicles of cab aggregator Ola block the passage near the prepaid auto stand near City Railway Station hampering the movement of regular autos and sought a remedy or even to do away with the pre-paid system.

Manukumar appealed to deploy a traffic constable near Sumangali Silks in the evenings as vehicular movement would be too much. A few auto drivers complained that traffic Police take photographs from behind an auto when they had to inevitably stop near no-parking zones to enable passengers to alight.

Giving a patient hearing to the grievances Devaraja Traffic Police Inspector L. Srinivas assured to address them.

He assured to recommend MCC to provide space near Olympia Theatre and City Bus Stand to set up auto stands. He also assured to groom the cops to be polite with auto drivers. He appealed people to follow traffic rules and not to ride or drive in drunken state.

Many participants complained that many auto drivers do not have driving licence or any document. They also complained of drivers fleecing passengers even at pre-paid auto stands.

Six foreign nationals arrested for overstaying

Mysuru, Dec.24 (KS)- The N.R., Vijayanagar and Metagalli Police have arrested a total of six foreign nationals who were found overstaying in city despite expiry of their visas.

While N.R. Police have arrested two persons identified as Abdiwadud Mohamed Abdi of Somalia and Justus Okuku Okumu of Kenya, Vijayanagar Police have arrested Evance Damasi Mlay and Atupele Friday Mwakyusa of Tanzania and Ivan Salomao Simbine of Mozambique and Metagalli Police have arrested Wilhelm Shalongo Shapange of Namibia.

The Police, who have booked them under the Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939, said that the arrested had obtained student visas and were residing illegally even after the expiry of their visas.

Meanwhile, City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao has urged the owners, who provide accommodation to foreigners to submit details of the foreigners staying in their accommodation to the Police or upload the details by logging on to *indianfrro.gov.in/fro/formC*

New Public Health Centre atop Chamundi Hill soon

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (KS) -The District Health Department in a bid to provide medical facilities atop Chamundi Hill has decided to open a new Public Health Centre (PHC) there which would come up soon.

A meeting in this regard was held recently and Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep has agreed to provide land for the construction of the PHC.

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. B. Basavaraju said that the Government had sanctioned a PHC atop the hill but there is no land with the Health Department.

The DC assured of allotting the land and said that the PHC was very much needed there as a few death cases were reported there in the recent past due to non availability of medical facilities.

Taluk Health Officer Dr. Ravi said that a dispensary was functioning atop the hill and added that the new PHC would have adequate staff including a doctor, nurse and assistants.

Chain snatched in Gokulam

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (SPN&KS)- Two miscreants on a scooter have managed to snatch a part of a gold chain of a girl in Gokulam here yesterday afternoon.

The girl, identified as Apoorvashri, an employee of a private firm, was walking along with her friends on the 15th Cross in Gokulam 2nd Stage, when two miscreants on a Honda Activa scooter (without registration plate) tried to yank off the gold chain.

As Apoorvashri held on to her gold chain, the miscreants have managed to flee with a part of the gold chain which broke during the incident. A case has been registered at Jayalakshmipuram Police Station in this regard.

Bhoopasandra de-notification case

Governor studying complaint against CM

Puttaswamy Vajubhai Vala Siddharamaiah

Bengaluru, Dec.24 (KMS& DM)- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, who is eyeing a second term as the CM in 2018 Assembly polls, may be in for a shock if Governor Vajubhai R. Vala gives his nod for prosecuting the CM in Bhoopasandra land de-notification case. The Opposition BJP, which has sought the Governor's sanction to prosecute the CM in connection with the alleged land de-notification, seems to be letting no opportunity go waste in targeting the CM ahead of the forthcoming Assembly polls.

Governor Vala, after thoroughly studying the BJP's complaint on land de-notification, is said to have consulted Raj Bhavan officials and legal experts on the merits of the case for the past three days before leaving for his home State Gujarat last night.

Sources said that Siddharamaiah may land in deep trouble if the Governor sanctions prosecution of the CM in the case.

BJP MLC B.J. Puttaswamy, in his complaint with the Governor, said that the BDA had acquired land at Bhoopasandra for developing RMV second stage in 1978. The BDA, after forming the layout, had allotted sites after collecting money from site aspirants.

However, some persons moved the Supreme Court against the land aqcuisition at Bhoopasandra. The Apex Court which heard the case, had upheld the land acquisition. But a land owner by name Jayalakshmamma, who had issued GPA to Keertiraj Shetty, petitioned the High Court on Nov.30, 2015 questioning the primary notification for land acquisition. The High Court which heard the case, cancelled the primary notification in an order passed in Feb. 2016. However, the BDA which questioned the HC order, later backtracked and withdrew its review petition, which raised many eyebrows.

Meanwhile, speculations are rife in political circles about the involvement of CM Siddharamaiah, Bengaluru Development Minister K.J. George and IAS Officer Mahendra Jain in the land de-notification case.

KSOU imbroglio: Chief Secretary seeks legal opinion

Mysuru, Dec.24 (US&YDS)- "Legal opinion will be sought to re-recognise technical courses offered by Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) during 2012-15," said State Chief Secretary K. Rathna Prabha.

Speaking to press persons at Government House here yesterday, Rathna Prabha said that there was some confusion surrounding the legality of technical courses offered by KSOU during that period and added that a opinion from the Law Department was expected in a couple of days. She further said that the next course of action would be based on that.

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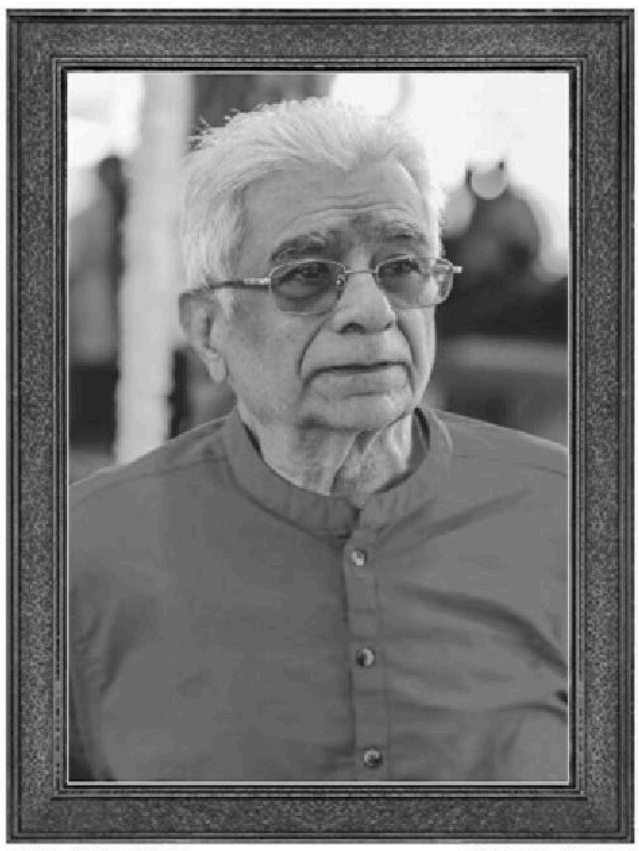

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Pages from History

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Salutations to Saint Kanakadasa

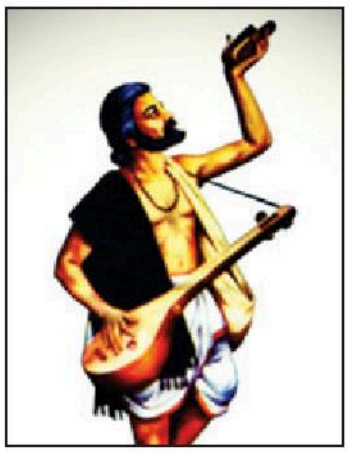
South India in general and Karnataka in particular abounds in contemporary or near contemporary saints who are still a religious force. Recently (6.11.2017) the birth anniversary of Saint Kanakadasa was celebrated with religious fervour in many parts of Karnataka which is making a great impact on our society.

Fortunately, authentic details of Kanakadasa are known to us from literary works and also from oral tradition. He is known to have lived and worked from 1508 to 1606 AD. Kanakadasa is said to have belonged to the Beda tribe. These people are known to have belonged to the tribe of Dasas who lived in Kaginele belonging to Dharwad district. Further some scholars believe that Kanakadasa was a contemporary of Purandaradasa. There is also an opinion that he belonged to the religious order of Sri Ramanuja. The supporters of this opinion find evidence from the work of Mohana Tarangini in which he has praised Sri Ramanujacharya as well as Tatacharya.

Some other scholars have felt that he is a shepherd (Kuruba). However, many scholars feel that he belonged to Nayaka community. He has praised God Biredeva and this is also worthy of notice. Anyway, all these point out that he belonged to a lower strata of society and such a person became a saint of great eminence. This shows that there were opportunities for lower caste persons or of lower strata to become saints and get respect in the society.

There is also another opinion according to which these people ruled in a place called Bada in Dharwad district and they fought in a small battle but were defeated. They lost all their relatives and became desperate. But their faith in God was such that they could get over the difficulties and this strengthened their faith in Sri Hari.

These persons became devotees of Sri Hari (Haridasa). They thought that whatever devotion they had practiced should be made known to other people in the society so that they should also see divinity in the form of Vishnu or Hari. Hence, Kanakadasa began a religious tour of nearby areas which included Tirupati, Hampi, Belur and, of course, Udupi. Adikeshava of



Kaginele became his tutelary deity. It seems he had other names like Thimmappa and Kanaka Nayaka. However, he became famous as Kanakadasa. He is said to have performed many miracles to show to the world the supremacy of Sri Hari. The famous of them is the *Kanakana Kindi,* an opening in Udupi. As he belonged to a lower caste, the people of upper caste did not allow him to enter the Krishna temple to have *darshan* of Lord Krishna. The God who had realised that Kanaka is his real devotee gave *darshan* to him through a small opening, now famous as *Kanakana Kindi.*

Apart from all these spiritual accomplishments, Kanakadasa was the author of many devotional spiritual songs as well as works like *Mohana Tarangini, Nala Charitre, Haribhaktisara, Narasimhastava* and *Ramadhanya Charitre. Mohana Tarangini* is a Sangatya Kavya which is a metre in Kannada. It contains 2,700 verses. It is also called as *Krishna Charitre.* Actually, it is based on the episodes from Mahabharata, Bhagavata, Harivamsha, Vishnu Purana, Skanda Purana etc. It contains the destruction of Shambarasura, Banasura, burning of Manmatha and such other deeds. They contain eighteen types of descriptions that are generally found in Kavyas. In these descriptions one can easily find contemporary life of that period in which Kanakadasa lived. Though literary critics do not consider this as a Mahakavya (epic) they accept it as a Kavya.

Nala Charitre contains 450 verses and narrates the story of Nala. This is based upon another work called *Nalopakhyana.* Though this is a short literary piece, it contains descriptions which brings sympathy among its readers. The love between Nala and Damayanti has been graphically portrayed and any reader would weep because of the difficulties they experienced for the sake of truth. Thus truth which is an important component of Indian life is highlighted in this poem.

The other work *Ramadhanya Charitre* contains 156 verses. Actually it deals with the greatness of Ragi as against Akki. Ragi is considered as a poor man's food whereas rice is reserved for affluent people. The poet has successfully argued that Ragi is better than Akki. The contents of this work though appears to be taken from *Ramayana,* it actually looks like an independent work. Symbolically, Kanakadasa takes the side of common man who is represented by Ragi while rich people are represented by Akki. It was the intention of Saint Kanakadasa to show that poor people or people of lower caste can easily reach divinity than the affluent class. Even today poor people eat Ragi whereas the so-called affluent or rich people eat Akki or rice and look down upon the people who eat ragi. This is in the form of a conversation between Ragi and Akki.

So far about 400 works of Kanakadasa have been found. They contain the name Kaginele Adikeshava. Some of the famous ones which musicians even now sing in concerts are *Bagilanu teredu Seveyanu Kodo Hariye* (Oh Lord Hari please give darshan by opening the door); *Kulakulavendu Hodedadadiri* (Do not fight in the name of caste or community); *Tallanisadiru Kandya Talu Manave* (Do not agitate oh mind); *Ellarumaduvudu Hottegagi* (Everyone works for the sake of filling the stomach); *Neemayeyolago ninnolumayeyo* (Whether maye is in you or you are in maye) etc. Thus in these poems Kanakadasa has tried to bring social and moral responsibility among the people in society. Some of the verses of Kanakadasa are famous as Mundige which can be compared to Vachanas of earlier saints. The fact that even after five centuries Kanakadasa is still a moral and devotional force goes to show the greatness of the Saint and that is the reason why his birth anniversary is celebrated even now. Let us follow the moral principles and teachings of Kanakadasa and uplift our society and ourselves. For the present we bow down to the Saint-Poet Kanakadasa.

An informative and illuminative session

By Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

The morning of December 4 brought three interesting papers at the JSS Music Conference. The first paper was on the great poet P.T. Narasimhachar, who has created history in the world of Kannada literature and music. The paper focused on the rare ragas created by Narasimhachar, which is an immense and great contribution to Karnatak music. The rare ragas created by the poet with his music were sung by **Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan** and **P. Surabhi.** How his compositions can be used in classical concerts for detail rendition and how the ragas are rightly chosen and the poems rightly composed for the lyrics was explained with demonstration.

The second was a lecture-demonstration about *'Specialities in Veena Playing'* by **Dr. S. Vijayaraghavan,** the President of the Conference. He first spoke about the construction of veena and its chief parts. Why it is important to align gandhara and panchama perfectly to shruti was explained. He demonstrated fingering techniques used while playing ragas like Kamas, Todi, Varali, Begade and Amrutavarshini. The usage of pure notes in Charukeshi was illustrated on the veena. He also stressed on the fact that all sthayis can be incorporated using the four strings of the instrument. Intonation can be implemented using various methods in plucking. Tana is blissful on the instrument as all the strings are used in combination. The doctor played tana in Hindola to illustrate speedy tana.

The third paper by **S. Shankar** threw light on how to prepare for and render a concert. Shankar had done good homework on his topic. He brought different issues like importance of pronunciation in the sahitya of compositions, need for several practices before presenting them, the importance of accompanists in a concert and the need to appreciate them on the dais, co-ordination among the artistes, sincerity in presentation — be it an RTP or just an invocation, need for violinists not to overrule the main artiste, the necessity for a good microphone system in a concert, need for punctuality in artistes, and also artiste's taste in dressing.

Stressing on why percuss-ionists should be short and sweet in Taniyavartanam, Shankar quoted Mannargudi Eshwaran who says, 'In my 60 years of playing mridangam, I played for the tala for the first 20 years, kritis for the next 20 years and since last 20 years only I am trying to play for the artistes.' Shankar also observed that an artiste should have humility; he should remember that he exists due to the art and not art because of him. He should also involve himself in teaching, which in turn helps him in his renditions. Shankar observed that 'vote of thanks' after or towards the end of the concert should not prolong and should also include a small felicitation to the sponsor. The importance of the involvement of the audience was also touched upon by the speaker. The entire session was illuminating and humorous.

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	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
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Tiger Zinda Hai	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
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Velaikkaran (Ta)	(S-2)	1.00 pm, 4.00 pm
MCA (Middle Class Abbayi) (Te)	(S-2)	7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Mufti (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am
Aruvi (Ta)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Vimaanam (Ma)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Hello (Te)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Masterpiece (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Anjani Putra (K)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1.30 pm
		4.15 pm, 7.00 pm
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Anjani Putra (K)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 4 pm
		6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-2)	9.00 am
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-2)	11.55 am, 3.15 pm
		6.35 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	9.10 pm
	(S-4)	9.30 am, 3.50 pm
MCA (Middle Class Abbayi) (Te)	(S-3)	12.40 pm, 6.15 pm
Sakka Podu Podu Raja (Ta)	(S-3)	9.50 am
Hello (Te)	(S-3)	3.35 pm
Mufti (K)	(S-4)	12.50 pm
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Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC.24)

Taralabalu Education Centre: Annual Day and Pratibha Puraskar presentation - IPS Officer Dr. D.C. Rajappa and Assistant Director and Unit Head - Directorate of Field Publicity Dr. T.C. Poornima chief guests, Sri Taralabalu Jagadguru Educational Institutions - Sirigere Gen. Secretary Dr. S. Siddhaiah will be present, Taralabalu PU College Principal S. Shivakumar presides, cultural programmes, Kalamandira, **5 pm.**

Impressionz: Svasa Sarees and Blouses from Chennai, hand-crafted embroidered blouses, kurtas, curated sarees, silver jewellery and potlis, Southern Star, **up to 8 pm.**

Gruha Shobhe: Living Style Exhibition, Maharaja's College Ground, **up to 9 pm.**

Children's Literary Club, Mysuru: "Imagination on the Run: Children Enact Scenes from Select Stories" - Part 11, Co-ordinated by Club Director Dr. R. Purnima, Government Girls Hostel, Adi Pampa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **5 pm.**

Swarasankula Hindustani Sangeetha Vidyalaya: 15th anniversary celebrations, stage programme, Swarasankula Sangeetha Sabha President Dr. M.S. Bhaskar presides, 'Prajna Kuteera' Ayurveda Centre Director Dr. Poornima Krishnamurthy and Syndicate Bank retd. Manager Raghupati Tamhankar chief guests, Music Programme by Mela Sammelana, Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) School, Vijayanagar: 15th Annual Day celebrations (Theme: Naada Ninaada), Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao chief guest, Deputy Director of Public Instruction Manjula, BVB Bengaluru Chairman N. Ramanuja and BVB Mysuru Vice-Chairman K.B. Ganapathy guests of honours, BVB Mysuru Chairman Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy presides, BVB Hon. Secretary P.S. Ganapathy, Hon. Treasurer Dr. A.T. Bhashyam and School Principal Vijaya Narasimham will be present, Open Air Theatre, Manasagangothri, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Dhanurmasa puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Mandiram premises, V.V. Puram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Hebbar Srivaishnava Upasabha, Sri Goda Govinda Seva Samiti and Sri Vaishnava Sabha: 'Tiruppavai Kaalakshepa' (Sri Godopanishath) programme, discourse by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Kantharaj Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Kanaka Yuva Vedike: 530th Kanaka Jayantotsava, Sri Shivanandapuri Swamiji and Sri Trinetra Mahanta Shivayogi Swamiji will grace, former Forest Minister C.H. Vijayashankar inaugurates, Rajya Raitha Morcha (BJP) Secretary Mallappa Gowda presides, Shivaji Main Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Sampurna Srimadramayana Discourse Series by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

Natana Rangashale: Staging of Anton Chekhov's play 'Seagull,' Rangashale premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Rangayana: Stage of play 'Shikari' by senior Rangayana artistes, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali, Sri Krishna Trust: Jnana Yajna Sambharama, Discourse on 'Harivamsha' by Dr. Vyasanakere Prabhanjanacharya, Bengaluru, Sri Krishna Auditorium, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC.25)

Aroma: Cake Festival (La fete de decembre), Christmas celebrations, Old-Age Home, Bannimantap, **10 am.**

Gruha Shobhe: Living Style Exhibition, Maharaja's College Ground, **11 am to 9 pm.**

Kathabindu Sahitya and Samskrutika Vedike, Mangaluru: Chutuku Kavi Goshti, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **4 pm.**

Geetanjali Centre for Performing Arts: Release ceremony of Dual Album — 'Naivedya,' a collection of 12 Rabindra songs in Bengali [CD-1 Songs and CD-2 Karaoke - Instrumental Music]: lyrics and music composed by Rabindranath Tagore], Sarod Maestro Pt. Rajeev Tharanath chairs, Prof. C.N. Srinath chief guest, Pt. Hiremath Veerabhadraiah releases the CDs, H.R. Leelavati on 'Tagore Songs' on Chandana TV, S. Sridhar on 'Kannada Translations of Tagore's Dance Dramas,' Kripa Phadke on 'Raindra Dance Dramas in Mysuru,' Geetha Lakshmi, Aloka Datta, Vijay Pranavam and Somnath Datta: Songs from Tagore's dance-dramas in original Bengali and in Kannada translations, S. Ravi Shankar comperes, Dhvanyaloka, Bogadi Road, **5 pm.**

Sri Durga Nrutya Academy Charitable Trust, Mysuru: Sri Durga Nrutyotsava-2017, Nrutya Bharati-Kadri (Mangaluru) Director Guru Geeta Saralaya and Hole Anjaneyaswamy Temple (Maddur) Asst. Priest Suresh Achar will inaugurate, Dr. Suparna Venkatesh of Sai Arts International (Bengaluru) presides, Guru Vandane to Guru Geeta Saralaya, **5 pm;** 'Nrutya Vaividya' by disciples of Durga Academy, **5.30 pm;** Stage programme, 'Dashavatara' Dance-Drama with Kannada and Tulu Script, Kalamandira, **7.30 pm.**

Children's Literary Club, Mysuru: "Imagination on the Run: Children Enact Scenes from Select Stories" - Part 12, Co-ordinated by Club Director Dr. R. Purnima, Government Girls Hostel, Adi Pampa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **5 pm.**

Ayurveda Vaidya Sangha: Sri Dhanvantari Jayanti Mahotsava and Award Presentation Ceremony, Sri Subudeendra Theertha Swamiji of Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Manthralaya, graces the occasion, Sakshi Trust Hon. Director Vedanga Vid. Dr. R.L. Kashyap chief guest, Pathashala Principal Vid. Dr. K.M. Mahadevaiah guest of honour, awards and awardees — 'Charaka Sri' to Dr. J.T. Pawar, 'Sushruta Sri' to Dr. P.N. Mohan Kumar, 'Darshana Varidhi' to Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji, Srimanmaharaja Government Sanskrit Pathashala, **5 pm.**

Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Dhanurmasa puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Mandiram premises, V.V. Puram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Hebbar Srivaishnava Upasabha, Sri Goda Govinda Seva Samiti and Sri Vaishnava Sabha: 'Tiruppavai Kaalakshepa' (Sri Godopanishath) programme, discourse by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Kantharaj Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Sampurna Srimadramayana Discourse Series by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali, Sri Krishna Trust: Jnana Yajna Sambharama, Discourse on 'Harivamsha' by Dr. Vyasanakere Prabhanjanacharya, Bengaluru, Sri Krishna Auditorium, **6.30 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of play 'Project Adithi' by Rangayana Touring Artistes, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla, **7 pm.**

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Dec.24

Mysuru District Administration, Mysore Palace Board and Horticulture Department: Flower Show, **up to 9 pm;** Display of Dolls at Bombe Mane and Photography Expo, **up to 8.30 pm;** Children's Festival, **up to 6 pm;** Palace Illumination and Cultural Programmes - 'SaReGaMaPa Saurabha' featuring singer Sriharsha of Zee Kannada SaReGaMaPa fame and troupe, Mysore Palace premises, **7 pm to 9 pm;** Musical Fountain at Kuppanna Park, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Dec.25

Mysuru District Administration, Mysore Palace Board and Horticulture Department: Flower Show, **10 am to 9 pm;** Display of Dolls at Bombe Mane and Photography Expo, **10 am to 8.30 pm;** Children's Festival, **11 am to 6 pm;** Palace Illumination and Cultural Programmes - Musical evening featuring singer Rajesh Krishnan and troupe, Mysore Palace premises, **7 pm to 9 pm;** Musical Fountain at Kuppanna Park, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Columbia Asia launches campaign for maternity care

Mysuru, Dec.24- With an aim to provide the best and comprehensive care to motherhood, Columbia Asia Hospital, Mysuru, launched "Columbia Venus" maternity campaign recently.

Dr. K. Veena, Senior Gynecologist, spoke on the most important phases in a woman's life and said it is the time when she is pregnant; it is also one of the most vulnerable periods in her life. A healthy pregnancy is one of the best ways to encourage a healthy birth, she added.

Speaking about the launch of Venus Maternity Campaign, Dr. Madhura Phatak said: "This maternity campaign is a way where would-be mothers can have a complete information right from pre-conception counselling to antenatal and post-natal care.

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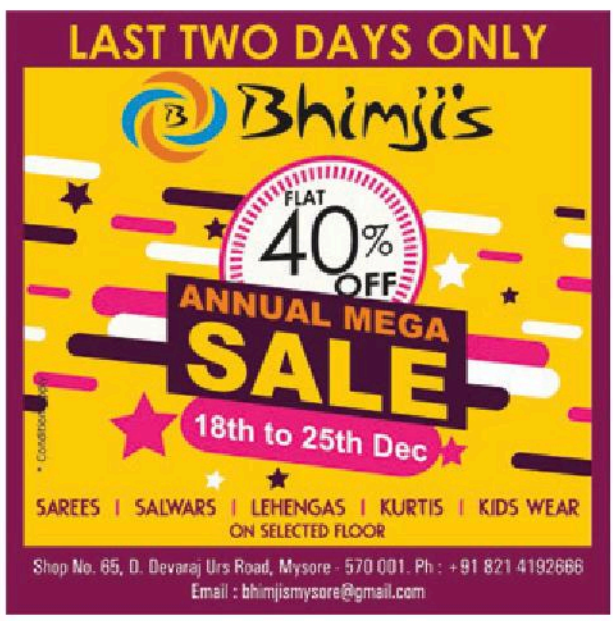
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